

## PUBLIC STATEMENT OF NANCY LOUDEN on behalf of Jean Plummer

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MS. LOUDEN: My name is Nancy Louden, L-o-u-d-e-n. And before the meeting this elderly woman came to my house that I know, and she's pretty frail. So she couldn't come to the meeting. And she gave me this paper, and I'd like to read that for her.

MR. LAWSON: Please.

MS. LOUDEN: Her name is Jean Plummer. Do you want me to spell that?

THE REPORTER: Please.

1 MS. LOUDEN: P-l-u-m-m-e-r. Beowawe and Crescent Valley, Nevada, might be considered townships with small populations, even if all the surrounding areas were included. Our land, though, has much natural beauty, good fishing, hunting, colorful spring flowers, canyons in the mountains, willows and cottonwood trees and streams winding through. Our children have a great school and a small community to grow up in.

The Yucca Mountain project will destroy all of this within 25 years if not sooner. There will be very little left as radioactivity flows into the air and seeps into the water supply for both the flora and fauna. This part of Eureka County, Nevada, has historical sites, too, graveyards that are 150 years old, a long time for the West. There are many mines and ranches equally as old.

2 The Yucca Mountain project makes me think that the government feels we and our land are expendable. I urge you to stop this nuclear waste. Put more money into researching how to accomplish this instead of spending millions of tax dollars on railways and research to carry this waste which will destroy our small part of the United States.

3... The Yucca Mountain waste site project is not going to solve the problem. It will only destroy more land, more communities.

In 50 years our government will be looking for another waste site, more of our great

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country will be destroyed. Stop this Yucca Mountain project for our generation and future generations.